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MODULE TWO:
KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

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- **Understanding new Muslims**
- **Milestones for a new Muslim**
- **Possibilities & success stories**
- **Refined perspective**

Have you ever witnessed a shahadah?

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How did it make you FEEL?

True OR False?

- **New Muslims usually have stronger imaan than born Muslims because they chose to be Muslims.**
- **New Muslims need extra support because of their situation.**
- **New Muslims are more tested than other Muslims.**

What are the challenges that are faced by new Muslims?

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What experiences do you have in dealing with Reverts?

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Top 12 Challenges Faced By New Muslims

1. **Abandonment by family & friends**
2. **Forced to leave home or hide one's faith**
3. **Unemployment or termination**
4. **Debt & financial difficulties**
5. **Victim of abuse**
6. **Legal troubles & can't afford help**
7. **Developing doubts about Islam**
8. **Very little knowledge about Islam**
7. **Not practicing the basic obligations**
8. **Not receiving enough help from the Muslims**
9. **Loneliness & isolation.**
10. **Identity crisis**

Which is because they are a new Muslim?

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True OR False?

The social, relationship, financial & accommodation challenges that new Muslims face are because they chose Islam.

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True OR False?

The next thing to focus on is to teach them the "how to" of Taharah & Salah.

What happens after?
What's next?

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INSPIRING REVERT STORIES

BY: COACH ZUBAIR

3 Elements for Understanding Reverts

Motivation & priority level of Islam in their life.

Social situation
- Relationships
- Finance
- Cause

Psychology
- Their condition
- Severity

True OR False?

A new Muslims development journey is usually forward moving and not like a roller coaster.

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True OR False?

A new Muslims usually has a pretty clear understanding of the basics of Islam & the Islamic worldview.

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New Muslim Milestones

1. **[MOTIVATION] Strengthen FAITH in shahadah**
    - **Dua**
    - **Environment: Content - Activities - Companions**
    - **Discussion (1 on 1, Group Calls)**

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New Muslim Milestones

2. **Learn & Practise (Salah)**
3. **During Learning Sessions**
    - **Keep a balance of technical & spiritual content**
        i. **Names & attributes of Allah**
        ii. **Seerah of the Prophet (saw)**
        iii. **Aakhirah**
        iv. **Hadith on virtues (e.g. Riyad us Saliheen)**

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New Muslim Milestones

4. **5 daily prayers & Jummah (Friday prayer)**
5. **Community participation**
    - **Halaqa / classes / Volunteering**
    - **Activity / volunteering / da'wah**

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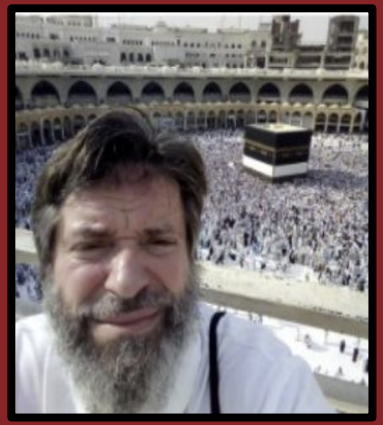
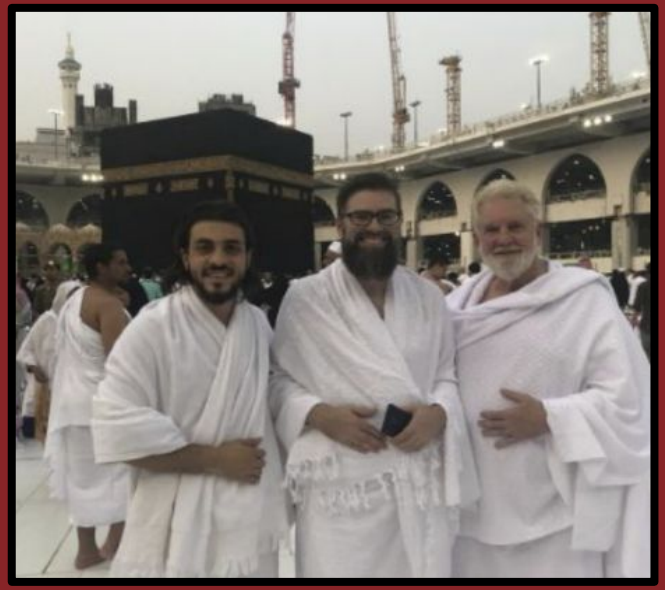
IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES!





Sent to @CoachZubair:

“I wanted to share a quick note with you. [Anon] & I sat in the middle of the sanctuary & somehow by the mercy of Allah I felt very comfortable & easy about it. It’s so unlike me to not freak out in the middle of a massive crowd like that. SubhanAllah!

[Anon] sat next to me & when it came time to pray, there was a girl [Anon]’s age directly in front of [Anon] praying with her dad, & this other little girl was praying properly (instead of laying down on her belly she was making suhood properly) & [Anon] was mimicking this. More than that, I could see in the look on [Anon]’s face that she was learning something. There was something stirring inside her heart. She saw another child at prayer & she was feeling a belonging & camaraderie with this little girl. They were in a way praying together, & having a shared experience.

I don’t know how to express how special that moment was to me. I almost wept right there in the middle of the ummah! 💚🙌☝”

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Sent to @CoachZubair:

“I wish I lived in Toronto and I could talk with you in person. You’re my biggest support system. My only support system. Nobody else inspire me to feel hopeful about the future. I’ve got ideas now about getting a drivers licence for the 1st time in 12 years. Taking college courses, shaping an identity. Now only to put it into practice and be a doer. I have for so long been shut inside this apartment, being a spectator and not participating in my own life. It’s so difficult to take a decade of watching my life go by and now trying to summon the bravery to be an actor in my own life.

Thinking about these possibilities has been a very big change for me alhamdulillah. I hope you know that coach. Before, pondering even a possibility of getting involved with anything besides secluding myself at home with my music and movies, would have been a completely foreign concept to me. Yet today I’m at least contemplating possibilities. That’s something, don’t you think?”

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Consider Shahadah as:

A brother or sister returning and expressing interest to follow the Deen

- Signing up for a free trial at a gym
- Sales funnel

Don’t forget the competition!

Refined Perspective

- They have different motivation levels
  - (Can be low in the beginning)
- Motivation and faith can go up and down
  - (Like a roller coaster)
- Progress is likely to be slow
- Challenges:
  - Habits, culture, desires, company, shaytaan.
- They may not have the true picture of Islam
- Opportunity of the community is huge
- All social issues may not be because of Islam

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Q&A

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